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Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

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✓PRIOR APPLICATIONS

This application is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/332,520 filed June 14, 1999 which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 973,561 filed December 2, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 5,981,542 which is a 371 of PCT/FR96/00980 filed June 21, 1996 and a Continuation-in Part of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/806,952 filed April 5, 2001 which is a 371 of PCT/FR00/00461 filed February 24, 2000. ✓